06/30/16 Question & Answers Landscape RFP

Q. Are you looking for Irrigation?
A. No – Currently American Irrigation is the contracted vendor

Q. How will the District handle if we broke any part of irrigation system?
A. We would call American to come and check out and let you know findings. If your crew knows they damaged a component, please repair. If you don't have parts to make the repair the same day, please let us know via phone or email to Rachel Hagan, the Parks and Facilities Maintenance Coordinator with an estimated time frame for repair within a week.

Q. Are all turf areas irrigated?
A. Depends, not all areas with the exception of pools (Creekside turf is not irrigated) all mulched trees and landscape beds are irrigated Community Park baseball and soccerfields and the playfield at Sendero Park, District tries to be water conservative mindful.

Q. What about weed eating?
A. Yes, there will be areas that will need monthly weed eating. All mowing areas also need to be line trimmed. Regarding shaded fuel breaks; the majority of this work is hand work/line trimming.

Q. Are you still using organic fertilizers products? Is it all included in the contract?
A. Yes, they are on the spec's sheet.

Q. Are all new areas listed accessible by a large truck for mulching?
A. Some areas needing mulching may not be accessible (bagged mulch is currently used in these areas), but for the most they are, you need to visit the areas and see per map.

Q. Is this a 5 year contract?
A. No, it's 1 year with up to four 1 year extensions

Q. Are there any new fuel shaded breaks?
A. Approximately the same with the exception of Senderos 6 & 7 as homes have been built in the area the shaded fuel break in these areas has shifted to the back of the private property line from where previously anticipated in the preliminary plats of the lots. We took off the portion of Shirley McDonald and Pepper Rock Parks where the shaded fuel break overlapped with regular mowing (anywhere where the frequency was already 12 times annually or greater). As an aside during 2016 -2017, new construction will be under taking place at Pepper Rock Park for a new parking lot, down Sendero Trail for repairs, and the continuation of the Community Center expansion project. This will result in areas that are mowed to be reduced (in the case of Pepper Rock Park and Community) and temporarily have staging areas for materials and spoils at all three locations. After the projects are complete, areas will be re-vegetated by the contractors and maintenance will resume.

Q. Are they for shaded fuel only or just easements?
A. Purpose is to maintain areas from fuel loads re-growing. The District cycles tree trimming in these areas every 3-5 years with an arborilogical services company to maintain the existing trees in the fuel break. The purpose of the quarterly trimming is to keep down grasses, vines, new small trees germinating and other perennials (non –grassy from growing large) and making the area hard to weedeat.

Q. Will the pools be closed during service time?
A. We will have to coordinate with the Aquatics Coordinator to determine a maintenance time when patrons will not be using the pool.

Q. Has there been any major map changes since last bid?
A. Yes, a lot of additional areas have been added to the map in Sendero 6, 7 and Highland. Frequencies have increased on properties that are adjacent to a road and or sidewalk in a neighborhood to a minimum of 24 times annually.

Q. Is the District wanting any tree pruning/trimming?
A. Always give Rachel a heads up if tree is in their way and she will schedule someone from in house to go and trim and if we cannot trim it with the equipment we have , we have outside contractor for trimming. If you staff has to prune a tree or breaks a limb all oak must have a clean cut spray immediately with a latex paint to prevent the spread of oak wilt.
http://texasforestservice.tamu.edu/OakWiltFAQS/

Q. Are there any keys/access to pools and other areas?
A. There are combo code locks, anything with a combo lock you will get access code.